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(57) **Abstract:** The invention concerns a process for the preparation of detergents, comprising separating the hydro carbonaceous product stream from a Fischer-Tropsch, process producing normally liquid and normally solid hydrocarbons into a light fraction comprising mainly C₂₀hydrocarbons, preferably the light fraction comprising at least 90 %wt, more preferably at least 95 %wt, of C₂₀hydrocarbons, and one or more heavy fractions comprising the remaining hydrocarbons, hydrogenation of at least part of the light fraction to convert unsaturated hydrocarbons and/or oxygenates into saturated hydrocarbons, distillation of product thus obtained into at least one fraction comprising detergent hydrocarbons, dehydrogenation of at least part of the detergent hydrocarbons to obtain a detergent hydrocarbon stream comprising mono-olefins and conversion of the mono-olefins into detergents. The invention further concerns a process for the preparation of detergents in which process a hydrogenated product, which is obtained according to the above process, is dehydrogenated to obtain a detergent hydrocarbon stream comprising monoolefins, followed by conversion of the mono-olefins into detergents. Further, the invention relates to the combined production of detergents or detergent hydrocarbons and fuels from Fischer-Tropsch hydrocarbonaceous reaction product.

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